

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A digital broadcast reception apparatus for receiving a digital broadcast including a program and program  
5 guide information for providing a guide to the program content, the digital broadcast reception apparatus comprising:

a broadcast reception unit for receiving a digital broadcast on air;

a condition determination unit for determining whether  
10 or not the program matches a search condition on the basis of the program guide information received by the broadcast reception unit; and

a program search unit for making a program search by controlling the broadcast reception unit

15 to continue to receive the digital broadcast containing the program, which is determined matching the search condition by the condition determination unit, and

20 to stop receiving the digital broadcast containing the program, which is not determined matching the search condition by the condition determination unit and to receive another digital broadcast.

2. The digital broadcast reception apparatus  
25 according to claim 1 further comprising:

a condition input unit for accepting an entry operation of a condition; and

a condition setting unit for setting the condition input in the condition input unit as the search condition.

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3. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

the condition input unit accepts an entry operation of selecting the condition from a previously prepared list including a plurality of conditions; and

the condition setting unit sets the condition, which is selected by the condition input unit accepting the entry operation, as the search condition.

15 4. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

the condition input section accepts an entry operation of a plurality of conditions and an operation of specifying a logical operation for the conditions; and

20 if the user specifies the logical operation for the conditions input through the condition input unit, the condition setting unit sets the input conditions together with the specified logical operation as the search condition.

25 5. The digital broadcast reception apparatus

according to claim 2, wherein the condition input unit accepts an operation of specifying a program genre as the condition.

6. The digital broadcast reception apparatus  
5 according to claim 2, wherein:

service types of the digital broadcast include video, audio, data, and temporary broadcast; and

the condition input unit accepts an operation of specifying at least one of the service types as the condition.

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7. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

service types of the digital broadcast include video, audio, data, and temporary broadcast; and

15 the program search unit makes the program search for each program service.

8. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

20 the condition input unit is input into a keyword concerning at least one of a program name, cast, and program detail information; and

the condition setting unit sets the search condition to receive a program containing the keyword input into the condition  
25 input unit.

9. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a request input unit allowing to input a program trial  
5 reception request while the program search unit is executing the program search; and

a control unit for controlling the program search unit to stop the program search and controlling the broadcast reception unit to execute program trial reception when the  
10 program trial reception request is input into the request input unit.

10. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to 9, wherein:

15 the request input unit allows to input a program search restart request for stopping the program trial reception and restarting the program search; and

when the program search restart request is input into the request input unit, the control unit controls the program  
20 search unit to restart the program search at the program search stop state.

11. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

25 a condition retention unit for retaining the search

conditions set by the condition setting unit.

12. The digital broadcast reception apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the condition determination unit  
5 determines whether or not the program matches the search condition retained in the condition retention unit.

13. A method for receiving a digital broadcast including a program and program guide information for providing a guide  
10 to the program content, the method comprising:

receiving a digital broadcast on air;

determining whether or not the program matches a search condition on the basis of the program guide information received;  
and

15 making a program search by:

continuing to receive the digital broadcast containing the program, which is determined matching the search condition; and

20 stopping receiving the digital broadcast containing the program, which is not determined matching the search condition and receiving another digital broadcast.